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In re the Application of: **SHIOJI, Masahiro**

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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR §1.111**

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Sir:

In response to the non-final Office Action dated **February 27, 2004** (Paper No.20),  
extended to **June 27, 2004** by a **one** month Petition for Extension of Time, entry of the following  
amendments and remarks, reconsideration and further examination are respectfully requested.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2  
of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 10 of this paper.

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